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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the Applicant hereby submits this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which includes a completed Form PTO/SB/08A and one (1) copy of each of the foreign patent references cited therein. Pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, a copy of the United States Patent Application Publication listed on Form PTO/SB/08A is not enclosed as this application was filed after June 30, 2003.

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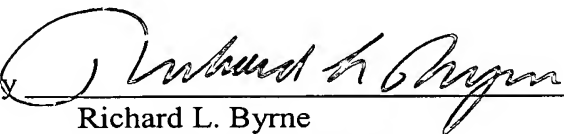
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The references identified on Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in a Preliminary Search Report dated January 11, 2005 in a corresponding French application and are relevant for the reasons provided therein. The references cited in the Preliminary Search Report have all been designated as "category A" references, indicating that these references are not considered to be of particular relevance. A copy of the preliminary Search Report is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00 is due for the submission of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement as it is being submitted after the mailing date of an *Ex parte Quayle* action. Furthermore, the Applicant, through his attorney, hereby states that in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) each item of information contained within this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The references cited in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were identified in a Preliminary Search Report dated January 11, 2005 for a counterpart application. Nevertheless, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

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